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Dear Dick,

Thanks for the interesting articles on silencers, Haiti-CBS and Brown's on the rare pistol. I've skimmed that in silencers (time) and read others.

Silencers: Your note re; Powers' carrying special one reads, "This is one of special features of U-2 flight that makes me sincerely believe that the CIA deliberately planned that the plane should be captured..." Can you expand? What has the silencer to do with this? What are the others? You know what my thinking has been on this from the first, so we are not in disagreement. I'd be inclined to suspect that most pilots on such flights were so equipped. I also believe they'd have preferred plane to have been captured, but that capture was not necessary. Its presence alone at that time could have been sufficient.

Scanlons'-CBS-Haiti-well-done piece but lacks anything really new. Few aliases and different spellings, unfair questions (like equating Congress and executive branch), no errors of which I'm aware, and rather large omissions indicating this is author's new interest and no consultations with news stories. Several things, however, are of some interest and value in it. I'm merely disappointed because I'd expect more new stuff from them. One of the intriguing questions in my mind is the picture above WalBell's shoulder. Looks in the copy like that of one J.B. Mathers, who was the "brains" behind Martin Dies' Committee. I do not believe CBS dreamed this thing up and I am quite willing to believe St. G got them into it.

Brown has been writing regularly for such magazines. What interests me is that if the gun is as scarce as he says it is, how he got it without official help or function. He is in the reserves, and the only apparent consequence of his failure to report the Brennan pitch was promotion to major. He did go off on some kind of trip about two years ago, two versions: South American and Viet Nam. Hemming told me that he tried to use alleged influence in AID to get him sent by them to Viet Nam. As I believe I've told you, I am in touch with Brown and he is doing a CIA-Cuba expose, claiming 50,000 already written and about 24 Florida fronts identified.

You have not acknowledged receipt of the Chap.-Teddy file and the pictures, which I insured. Arch apparently also sent me copy of picture they sent Howard, with indistinct depiction of hole similar to the one you sketched. I have not paid camera shop for these pictures, so I can't tell you and Howard what they cost me. I sent one of you, I think Howard, the negatives. But no acknowledgments of receipts.

Things are as usual. New variants old problems, new people situations. New information and press, but not for present communication. Nothing really exciting. Please do not fail Hoch chore. I cannot conceive of him as fink and have less faith in my original hunch he was pressured. Therefore, it is important to convince him of defects of this work, for if it gets published in a reputable scientific journal the hurt to all of us and esp. to him and his future can be very large. You will recognize the relayed melon suggest and its out-of-context use.

As usual, hurriedly,